

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor(s), I/We hereby declare that:

My/Our residence(s), post office address(es) and citizenship(s) are as stated below next to my/our name(s);

I/We believe I/we am/are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the original, first and joint inventor(s) (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**LASER WELDING METHOD**

the specification of which (check one):

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_;  
amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- ☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application  
No. PCT/JP03/11523 filed on September 9, 2003 ;  
amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I/We hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I/We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>		<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year)	Yes	No
2002-262864	Japan	09/09/2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year)	Yes	No
PCT/JP03/11523	Japan	09/09/2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC 112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)      (Filing Date)      (Patented/pending/abandoned)

(Application Serial No.)      (Filing Date)      (Patented/pending/abandoned)

10/527616

11/90 FORM 11

Sheet 2 of 2

Attorney Docket No.: ADACHI-001XX

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 USC 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

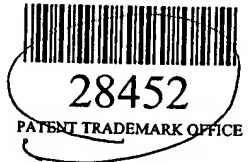
(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Patented/pending/abandoned)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor(s), I/We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business connected therewith in the Patent and Trademark Office, and to file with the USRO any International Application based thereon.

Daniel J. Bourque, 35,457  
Paul J. Kroon, Jr., 51,902

Address all correspondence to:

Bourque & Associates, P.A.  
835 Hanover Street, Suite 301  
Manchester, NH 03104  
Telephone: (603) 623-5111  
Facsimile: (603) 624-1432



I/We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of Sole/First Inventor: <b>MAKASE Kikuo</b>		
City of Residence <b>Okazaki-shi</b>	State or Country <b>Japan</b>	Country of Citizenship <b>Japan</b>
Post Office Address c/o FUTABA INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. 1, Aza-ochaya, Hashime-cho, Okazaki-shi, Aichi 444-8558 Japan		
Signature: (Please sign and date in permanent ink.) <b>Kikuo Makase</b>		Date signed: <b>February 22, 2005</b>
Full Name of Second Joint Inventor: <b>OGAWA Kenji</b>		
City of Residence <b>Toyota-shi</b>	State or Country <b>Japan</b>	Country of Citizenship <b>Japan</b>
Post Office Address c/o TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA 1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-shi, Aichi 471-8571 Japan		
Signature: (Please sign and date in permanent ink.) <b>Kenji Ogawa</b>		Date signed: <b>February 22, 2005</b>